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SINCERELY EXTENDED.

The Kentucky Irish American wishes its readers and patrons a happy and prosperous New Year. While this may sound commonplace, our good wishes for the coming year are sincerely extended our many and good friends throughout Kentucky and the United States and far away Ireland.

MAY BRING RELIEF.

During the past few months a "slowing up" in business has been perceptible. This is becoming apparent in industries that depend for their prosperity upon an "easy" condition of the money market. The consequence is an unusually large number of unemployed in industrial centers. There is no indication of financial panic, such as prevailed during the closing months of 1907. But there will undoubtedly take place a gradual readjustment financially. We have been living too fast, says one of our contemporaries. Nevertheless the passage of the currency bill by Congress gives reason for hope that better times are near at hand and that soon there will be work for everybody.

GLYNN'S DOINGS.

Martin H. Glynn, New York's Catholic Governor, has occupied the Executive chair only about a month, but already his success is prodigious. Charles E. Hughes toiled mightily at the Sisyphus stone of direct primaries and gained hardly one painful inch. William Sulzer clawed the air and thundered at the Legislature, denouncing upon it the vengeance of the "peepul" if it failed to enact the direct primary law, and the Legislature responded by putting him out of his office. Gov. Glynn sent a modest, peaceful little message to the Legislature, pointing out that it would be a good thing if the half dozen measures he enumerated were passed, and in the twinkling of an eye they go through; among them the direct primary and the Massachusetts ballot. To the New York Times this is amazing. Gov. Glynn certainly must be assigned something more than a mere footnote in history. If future historians are not diligent in their study of contemporary circumstances they will set him down as the greatest man of his time.

RESTRICTING IMMIGRATION.

The question of imposing heavy restrictions upon immigration to this country is not new. It goes back beyond the middle of the last century when the "Know Nothings" of that day clamored for "America for the Americans." It has come up at various times since then, and certain restrictions have already been adopted. There is still some of the old "Know Nothing" spirit lending its support to the bills introduced into Congress for the limitation of immigration. But that is not the only spirit behind these measures. Labor organizations are lending their support to restrictive measures as a means for protecting the labor market in this country. Indeed the main support for immigration restriction bills now comes from this source. One of the acts for which President Taft was most severely criticised was his veto of the Burnett-Dillingham bill which set up a literacy test for immigrants. The same measure has been introduced in Congress again, and there is little doubt that it will pass both houses, as it did before. President Wilson, if we may judge from his writings before he became President, favors exclusion of certain classes of immigrants. Whether he favors a literacy test is another question. He will, very likely, have an opportunity of passing upon it soon. With the True Voice, we believe that certain restrictions upon immigration are unobjectionable, nay even necessary. Only those are desirable as immigrants who intend to make a permanent home here and to become a part of the nation. Criminals, idlers and incurably diseased should be rigidly excluded. The literacy test would bar many who are undesirable, but it would also exclude thousands who would prove excellent citizens under American conditions. The worst scoundrel is the individual with an education and no conscience. It is not restriction that we object to. It is the setting up of an arbitrary test for the admission of immigrants that

will let through the undesirable while excluding the honest toiler who seeks opportunity and a home in this land of freedom. The Burnett-Dillingham bill is still open to all the objections urged against it by President Taft in his veto of the bill when it passed Congress before.

DOING FAIRLY WELL.

The "Guardians of Liberty" and the remnant of the A. P. A. redivivus are on the trail of President Wilson, vowing his political extinction. Knowing that President Wilson is a good Presbyterian, like the True Voice we had thought he would be immune from attack in that quarter. Some narrow-minded Catholics were even inclined to question his fair-mindedness in the selection of his Cabinet. Between the two extremes he seems to be doing fairly well.

There is in Ireland only one priest to every 1,600 Catholics. There is a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church to every 340 members of his creed, one to every 600 Presbyterians and one to every 290 Methodists. And this is the country the Orangemen say is priest-ridden.

There is not in existence anywhere a Catholic society which demands of its members a formal oath of secrecy.

O'NEILL'S LATEST.

Capt. Francis O'Neill, of Chicago, who is an authority on Irish music, has placed the Irish people under another debt of gratitude. His latest splendid 500-page volume, "Irish Minstrelsy and Musicians," is no dry treatise on music—it makes the reader acquainted with the harpers, pipers, fiddlers and flute players who have made Irish life happier with their art for centuries. Their story is told in an attractive way, and the reader's interest is quickened by little bits of history and humorous sallies which are introduced here and there in the work. Capt. O'Neill is no novice in authorship—he has written other works on Irish music and has compiled several Irish musical collections. His latest work is inscribed as follows: "Dedicated to the venerated memory of my parents, whose tuneful tastes and memorized melodies are cherished as a most precious heritage." The book is worthy of a place in the home of every Irish person who takes a pride in Ireland's past and is anxious to preserve and popularize the good things that belong to it, and it is to be hoped that what Capt. O'Neill undertook as a labor of love will bring him the remuneration which the quality and character of the volume deserve.

VAST ARMY COST.

It may be illuminating to taxpayers to learn how much of their money is used to build dreadnoughts and to equip armies which might yield better results if applied to better ends. In the fiscal year of 1911-12 the United States spent more than \$244,000,000 for maintaining its army and navy. This represents a charge of \$2.63 per unit of its population. The cost of the naval and military force constituted nearly 27.1 per cent. of the total expenditures of the country. Each man in the army of the United States costs the Government \$1,314 per year. What this enormous outlay for a hypothetical war means to the taxpayer is obvious. There is no reason for surprise at the high cost of living in this country when we learn that during the year 1911-12 this country, with less than 14 per cent. as many men in its army as France spent 60 per cent. as much money on it; with less than 13 per cent. as many as Germany, it spent almost 54 per cent. as much. The army that we last year an average of more than \$1,300 for each man in it as against less than \$400 paid by any nation in Europe.

AGREED ON DEBATE.

The Triangular Debating League, composed of the Universities of Notre Dame, Indiana and Wabash College, have agreed on the following question for this coming year's debates: "Resolved, That Indiana should adopt the initiative and referendum." Notre Dame will hold the first tryouts in the latter part of January. The final selection for the two teams to represent Notre Dame on both sides of the question will be made six weeks after the first preliminary tryouts. Notre Dame has won all its debates in the past two years in this league, having debated both sides of the question each year.

VISITING THEIR PARENTS.

Miss Lucille Hackett, a student in the Immaculate Academy in Washington, D. C., and Edward Hackett, a student in the Jesuit College at St. Marys, Kan., are at home to spend the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hackett, East Eleventh and Market streets, New Albany.

SOCIETY.

Miss Margaret Finnegan has been entertaining Miss Sue Cox, of Middleton.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Oetken, of the Welsinger-Gaulbert apartments, are visiting in Chicago.

Mrs. Joseph P. Noonan and son John, of Frankfort, were here for several days last week.

Miss Dorothy Norton will be hostess to a 500 party this afternoon at her home on Fifth street.

Miss Florence Weitzel has been spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. William Weitzel, in Frankfort.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Connors, of South Louisville, are spending the Christmas season with their parents at New Hope.

Miss Mary Bell Boone is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Fannie Rapier, and other relatives at New Haven.

Mrs. Amanda Kaye has for her holiday guests her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Blanton, and Miss Amy Blanton, of New Haven.

Mrs. Patrick Moran, of Earlington, arrived here last week to be the guest of her niece, Mrs. C. C. Birch, Deer Park.

Miss Julia McCormick has returned from Birmingham, Ala., where she was called by the death of her sister, Mrs. William Carney.

Miss Helen and Dayton Sullivan entertained a number of friends with a delightful party on Friday night at their home on Willow avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hannan and children, of Paducah, are holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hannan, 1320 Bardstown road.

Mrs. Catherine Callahan, of Cleveland, who has been the guest of her son, Patrick Callahan, will leave today for Frankfort, to spend several weeks with Mrs. James Heeney.

Miss Mary Leahy Weisen is home from Nazareth to spend her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Mary L. Weisen, who has also as guest Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leachman, of Springfield.

Elmer Ritter, Dan Walsh, John McBarrow, John Flynn and Thomas McGraw, all of New Albany, students at St. Meinrad's Academy in Spencer county, arrived home Monday for the holidays.

Philip E. Kelly, a valued employee of the L. and N., left Tuesday for a visit to friends in Little Rock, Ark. Before returning he will make a trip through Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana.

Emmet Hannan, of Paducah, who is a student at Notre Dame, arrived Saturday to spend his holiday vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hannan, and other relatives in the Highlands.

Miss Minnie Hunold, who is on an Eastern trip with Mr. and Mrs. George Haan, was last week the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Michael Quinn in Brooklyn. She will not return until after New Year's.

Thomas Edward Muldoon was christened at the Dominican church last Sunday, this being the name of the arrival at the residence of Thomas Muldoon, 1037 South Seventh street. Papa Tom is the well known monument letterer.

Mrs. Frank Brucker entertained the following ladies Tuesday afternoon at her home in Deer Park: Mesdames Ed Langen, Roy Wharton, Henry Koehler, J. S. Campbell, J. W. Raley, Al Bywater, John Bywater and Charles Vaupe.

JANUARY WEDDING.

Edwin Ballard will be married on January 6 to Miss Heloise, the daughter of Frank M. Head, of New Hope. The groom-to-be is a son of Nick Ballard, of Chicago, and is associated with his father in the mercantile business. He is a most promising young man who is universally respected by all who know him, while his bride-elect is one of the most lovable ladies in our land. She is lively, accomplished and is greatly admired by a large circle of friends. The ceremony will take place in St. Vincent's church, at New Hope, and the ceremony will be performed by Rev. Father O'Shea.

FATHER EILERS IS HOME.

The Rev. Gabriel Eilers arrived Monday to be the guest of the Franciscan Fathers at St. Anthony's rectory, Twenty-third and Market streets, through the Christmas holidays. Father Eilers is the son of Henry E. Eilers, of 3005 Greenwood avenue, and received his early education at St. Anthony's school. He is now stationed at St. Anthony's-on-the-Hudson, a Franciscan theological seminary, in Rensselaer county, New York.

PATRICK McDERMOTT.

Patrick McDermott, aged sixty-four and for many years a successful and respected merchant of Paris, Ky., died early Monday morning at St. Anthony's Hospital following a surgical operation. He had been ill several months, and was brought

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here two weeks ago. He was a native of Ireland. Besides his wife, Mrs. Margaret McDermott, he is survived by five children. They are Mrs. J. P. Hanley and Miss Theresa McDermott, of Louisville; Miss Nora and John McDermott, of Paris, and S. D. McDermott, of Dallas. The remains were taken to Paris Tuesday, where the funeral was held Wednesday morning.

CHRISTIANS SURPRISED.

The people of Shelbyville and Shelby county were amazed when they learned that none of the Protestant churches would hold religious services on Christmas day. The only explanation of this surprising decision was that they would later have celebrations, but not of a religious character. The Church of the Annunciation, the only Catholic church in the city, on the other hand, had three masses, the first a solemn high mass at 5 o'clock in the morning, at which there was an elaborate musical programme and the Rev. Father Riley, the pastor, preached an eloquent sermon on "Our Saviour's Birth."

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT.

St. William's Dramatic Club will give a play and tableaux at O'Connell Hall, Twelfth and Oak streets, next Monday and Tuesday evenings, December 29 and 30, the play being entitled "Christmas Day at Mrs. Cratchett's" and the tableaux "Of the Old and New Year." In addition there will be several vocal and instrumental specialties, among them being a duet by Miss Ruby Self and the well known local tenor singer, Ben (Hot Rock) Martin. Tickets of admission are twenty-five cents.

K. OF C. RECEPTION.

The local council Knights of Columbus will entertain with a reception and dance next Wednesday evening, New Year's eve, for members and their families only, and on New Year's day will keep open house for members, their ladies and friends. Chairman Thomas W. Tarry, of the Entertainment Committee, requests members to take advantage of the open house on New Year's day and show their friends the club house.

TRINITY COUNCIL.

Trinity Council has perfected all arrangements for its annual New Year's day children's entertainment, which is eagerly looked for by the juveniles of the East End. It will take place in the afternoon and the programme will include a great many interesting features. Monday night complete reports were submitted by the committee making preparations for the installation of officers on the first Monday of the new year.

SILVER JUBILEE.

Yesterday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of St. Francis Hospital at Cincinnati. Those records show that 151,251 patients have been cared for during these twenty-five years. At 9 o'clock in the morning a solemn high mass of thanksgiving was celebrated in the Hospital Chapel for the friends and benefactors, and today at the same hour a solemn requiem for the departed friends and benefactors.

EUCHE AND LOTTO.

Members of the congregation will give a grand euche and lotto for the benefit of the new St. Elizabeth's church, to take place at Trinity Council Hall on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, January 6. Committees have been doing earnest work and have secured a long list of fine prizes. Those who attend are promised a really pleasant entertainment.

MACKIN COUNCIL.

Treasurer Seb Hubbuch and his committee promise the members of Mackin Council a big time Monday night, when the present administration will end its term of office and the annual New Year's celebration will take place. It will be in the nature of a "watch meeting" with some very novel features. Mackin is now in a very flourishing condition, and it is expected there will be a record breaking attendance.

FORTY HOURS PRAYER.

The Forty Hours' Adoration is announced to take place next in this city at St. Michael's church, beginning with the high mass tomorrow and concluding Tuesday. Father Martin O'Connor, the pastor, and the Altar Society always make special preparation for these beautiful services, at which a number of the local clergy will assist.

SCHOOL IS READY.

The children of the Sacred Heart Retreat parish, Newburg road, will occupy their new temporary school quarters after the Christmas holiday season. This school house was formerly the county school, and has recently been moved to the Passonists' premises, and will serve until the new building can be erected by the congregation.

OLDEST CARDINAL LIVING.

Cardinal Gibbons, when asked if he would become Dean of the Sacred College because of the death of Cardinal Oreglia, made this reply: "The oldest member of the Sacred College is known as the Dean. In one sense of the word I will become Dean of the Sacred College, because in point of years I am the oldest living Cardinal. I was born six years before Neto, the oldest Cardinal in point of service. Cardinal Neto was created Cardinal in 1884 and I in 1886. So if you look at the situation from one point, I am now the Dean of the Sacred College, and from the other point of view Cardinal Neto is."

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Late News That Will Interest Members Here and Elsewhere.

Maryland councils have given \$1,000 to Abbot Gasquet.

Rhode Island Knights are inaugurating a parish campaign for members.

Wisconsin Knights have barred the tango and kindred dances from their club houses.

Fitzgerald Council at Lincoln, Neb., put on the three degrees last Sunday and added many new members.

Following their beautiful custom, Omaha Knights will have another Christmas entertainment for the orphans.

In accordance with the custom established last year, Indianapolis Knights will tomorrow visit the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Fort Smith Council is rapidly increasing in numbers and is becoming one of the strongest in the Southwest. December 7 a large class received the three degrees.

State Deputy O'Donnell states that with the funds contributed by Kentucky councils two Paullist fathers will be enabled to soon begin a series of missions for non-Catholics in sections of the State where such are most needed.

Oklahoma City Knights will give a charity ball New Year's eve for the benefit of the orphans.

Beginning with New Year's Toledo Council will occupy its new club house. A big initiation will soon take place.

Fort Wayne Knights have entered upon the project of building a new home on the corner of Jefferson and Harrison streets.

About \$5,000 was realized from the annual reception and ball in Philadelphia. This sum will be devoted to charities under the direction of Archbishop Prendergast.

Nearly 1,000 Knights sat down Tuesday night at the banquet given by Corrigan Council at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, in honor of Mayor John Purroy Mitchell. Edward E. McCall, his opponent in the election, presided as toastmaster.

TRINITY DANCE.

Trinity Y. M. I. Social Club will usher out the old year with a dance next Wednesday evening at the club house, Baxter and Morton avenues, the hours from 8 to 12 o'clock. The Social Club, under the administration of President John M. Hennessey, has had a most successful year and their series of dances have been well patronized.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE.

In all the Catholic churches of the city there will be masses next Thursday, New Year's day. The masses will be at the hours set for weekday services.

OLD COUNTRY MAP.

For the nominal sum of a dollar a fine map of Ireland, 30x40 inches, fully indexed and giving the population of every town in the little "Green Isle," can be had from Charles A. O'Connor, 21 Spruce street, New York City. This map would be ideal for any club room or place where Irishmen congregate, and also for the Irish home.

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Germans, French and
English.

DIFFERENCE IN THE CALENDAR

New Year's is the most universally celebrated of holidays. Christmas is practically confined to Christian countries and in some of these has only a religious observance. The same is true of Easter. Other holidays are for the most part national in character and are confined to their own countries. But New Year's in some form is celebrated in all lands and in not a few is the chief holiday of the year. It is not observed always on January 1, the Chinese and Jewish New Year's being notable exceptions and the Russian festival being held on what to us is January 12, owing to a difference in the calendar.

Especially is the beginning of the year a time of festival in the Orient. Nobody knows just how old the custom is, but it probably antedates history. In most Asiatic countries New Year's eve is a time for settling debts, wiping the slate clean for the succeeding twelvemonth. Tea drinking is naturally one of the chief forms of observance in China and Japan. There it is an art, and the ceremonial on New Year's is intended to outrank anything else in the pink tea line. The Japanese tea room is hidden away in some secluded part of the garden and only a few of the elect are admitted. This of course refers to the private tea rooms, the public ones being frequented by Mr. Common People and all his wife's relations. The Japs eat from a large variety of dishes on this day, plausibly offering samples of the foods to their gods. The day in Nippon is celebrated on January 1 as with us.

The Chinese New Year, which is based on the moon and occurs in January or February, is like a prolonged and glorified Fourth of July, or rather as the Fourth was before it became safe and sane. It lasts for several days and is full of color, noise and action from start to finish. Firecrackers, Chinese lanterns, tea, feasting and carnival all play their part, and the new year is initiated in a way to put ginger into his young life. The popular greeting is "Kung-hi," which is to say, "I humbly wish you joy," or "Shih," "May joy be yours." From this it will be seen that the Chinese have a "hi" old time. Not only do lanterns abound, but artificial flowers and red mottoes ornament the houses. Even in the United States the laundries are abandoned while the Celestials pay ceremonial calls and decorate everything in sight with red paper. Europeans also paint the town red on New Year's, only they do it in a different way.

New Year's is a great day for the children in the country towns of Russia. The boys carry peas and wheat, showering those they like with wheat and the girls with peas. Various domestic animals are gayly decorated, and led about the streets. There is also a ceremony of changing water into wine, which is harmless enough, since it does increase the wine supply.

The great feature of the German New Year's is "Sylvester Abend," corresponding in some measure to our watch parties, except that more liquid refreshment is absorbed. The punch bowl is the center of attraction, but the punch is usually made of mild Rhine wine and does little if any harm. It fares it with the man wearing a high hat on this night, for it is smashed with great enthusiasm. In Frankfurt on the Main a pretty custom is observed. Promptly on the first stroke of 12 every shutter in town flies open and a head appears with the shout, "Prost Neujahr!" It is as quickly withdrawn, and the shutters are re-closed before the clocks have finished booming the hour.

The French give Christmas a religious observance, so that New Year's is the great popular holiday. Gifts are exchanged and calls are made on January 1, and all through the month.

The English observance of New Year's is not largely different from ours, except that the old year is swept out by men and boys dressed as chimney sweeps and is rung out with muffled bells, which change to a clear and joyous note at the stroke of 12. It is to this custom that Tennyson refers in his "In Memoriam," so often quoted, "Ring out the old, ring in the new."

CONDEMNED BY LUTHERANS.

At a recent meeting of the Lutheran clergymen in South Scranton violent anti-Catholic lectures, such as had been held in the Baptist church at Carbondale, were opposed. Clergymen from all parts of Northwestern Pennsylvania were in attendance.

GIVES TO WIVES.

The wives of men who work for the New York Railways Company will have passes now, having received them as a present from Theodore Shontz, President of the company.

BUILT FIRST HOUSE.

In 1764 the first house was built on the site of St. Louis by Pierre Laclede, a French Catholic.

TRUE TEXT.

Following is the true text of the seven stanzas comprising the hymn, "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name," which is found complete in but a comparatively small number of our hymnals:

Holy God, we praise Thy Name!
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord!
Holy! Holy! Holy Lord!

Lo! the Apostolic train
Join, Thy sacred name to hallow.
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow:
And, from morn till set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee,
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim Thee!
And, adoring, bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

Thou art King of Glory, Christ!
Son of God, yet born of Mary;
For us sinners sacrificed,
And to death a tributary:
First to break the bars of death,
Thou has opened heaven to faith.

From Thy high celestial home,
Judge of all, again returning,
We believe that Thou shalt come
In the dreadful Doomsday morning;
When Thy voice shall shake the
earth.

And the startled dead come forth,
Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray.
By a thousand snares surrounded;
Keep us without sin today,
Never let us be confounded,
Lo! I put my trust in Thee;
Never, Lord, abandon me.

THEY YELP.

Anyone having a curiosity to touch elbows with the very lowest strata of intellectuality should attend an anti-Catholic meeting. The gathering will be found to be like a pack of yelping hyenas, and the women are a thousand times worse than the men.

EDITORS IN IRELAND.

President Woodrow Wilson's grandfather, James Wilson, and John Mitchell, grandfather of John Purroy Mitchell, New York's newly elected Mayor, were associate editors in County Down, Ireland, about seventy years ago.

BEFORE PURITANS LANDED.

The largest and oldest Cathedral on the American continent is that of Mexico, which covers several acres of ground. The seating capacity is about 12,000. The cornerstone was laid in 1573 upon the site of a great Aztec temple which Cortez destroyed. A small church was erected there two years later, and then fifty years afterward came the foundations of this mighty building, whose walls were completed before the Puritans had landed on Plymouth Rock.

ANCIENT IRISH HOSPITAL.

Ireland may lay claim to one of the earliest hospitals in human history. "Broin Bearg," the house of sorrow, was founded 300 years before our Lord. It was used by the Red Branch Knights, and became the royal residence of Ulster until destroyed in the year of our Lord 332.

DID IT EVER STRIKE YOU?

That a dying Catholic, be he good, bad or indifferent, will never call for a Protestant minister?

That many dying Protestants, generally the best and most virtuous, have called for a Catholic priest?

That no Catholic, so long as he leads a virtuous life, falls away from his faith or denies his religion?

That ordinarily only the best among the Protestants become Catholics?

That only the indifferent, not to say the worst Catholics, become Protestants?

That there is no case on record of a good, pious, virtuous priest becoming a minister?

That the Protestant ministers who have become Catholics were among the most learned and most virtuous of their calling?—S. Shell, S. J.

FOR WOMAN'S EYE.

Crystal and jet make the up-to-date hatpin.

Hats will remain small, soft and trimmed very high.

There seems no inclination to abandon the peg-top skirt.

For day wear the long-waisted coat still remains a favorite.

Printed French crepe makes a dainty negligee and boudoir cap.

One of the prettiest things to make for Christmas is a lingerie-set. The rage for powdered hair, again the fashion in Paris, shows no sign of abating.

All the modern shirt waists have wide turnover collars that expose most of the neck.

Ruches have not gone out of fashion. They are worn in many forms and serve to soften many hard lines.

Startlingly short, almost showing the boot tops, is a new short skirt that has just made its appearance.

Lace blouses are recovering a little of the favor which was stolen from them by the crepe de Chine and satin chemisettes.

Velvet is having a veritable triumph this winter for fashionable dress, and is not restricted to costly weaves and designs.

RIDICULOUS

The Old Charge That Catholics
Have a Divided Allegi-
ance.

Originated in the Days of Per-
secution in England and
Ireland.

What the First Catholic Bishop
Wrote on This Subject
in 1797.

SLANDER REFUTED MANY TIMES

Despite the friendly feeling existing between the different religious bodies in this country and the conviction that the Catholics are doing the best work for the uplift of humanity, it seems to be necessary to repeat every few years the answer to the old charge that Catholics have a divided allegiance and that they are subject in civil matters to a foreign power, the Pope of Rome. This charge goes back to the days of persecution in England and Ireland. The answer to it also dates back to the same epoch. It is simple and direct. In 1855 Archbishop M. J. Spalding, then of Baltimore, wrote this memorable statement:

"But are not Catholics the subjects of a foreign prince, the Pope? This slander—like almost everything else said against us—has been refuted so many thousand times already that we are almost afraid to tire the patience or insult the understanding of our readers by answering it again. No man of common intelligence or information need be told, at this late day, that the obedience we owe to the Pope is confined entirely to religion and spiritual things; and that he neither claims, nor we allow, any jurisdiction over us in temporal matters affecting our civil allegiance. This question has been so long settled throughout the civilized world that its revival at present appears to be wholly useless, if not utterly absurd. When it was a question, more than sixty years ago, of removing some of the penal laws under which the Catholics of England had been so long suffering, this very question in regard to the nature and extent of Papal jurisdiction was discussed; and it was then settled to the entire satisfaction of Mr. Pitt and of the whole British Parliament, which accordingly passed the Catholic relief bill. The oath of allegiance freely taken by Catholic Bishops, and members of Parliament and officers of the Government in Great Britain and Ireland, with the sanction of the Popes themselves, expressly disclaims belief in any civil power or jurisdiction over British subjects, as inherent in the sovereign Pontiffs."

The first Catholic Bishop of the country—the venerable Carroll of Baltimore—wrote as follows on this subject, in a pastoral letter issued February 22, 1797:

"There would indeed be a foundation for the reproach intended by the words, foreign jurisdiction, if we acknowledged in the successor of St. Peter any power or prerogative which clashed in the least degree with the duty we owe to our country or its laws. To our country we owe allegiance and the tender of our best services and property, when they are necessary for its defense; to the Vicar of Christ we owe obedience in things purely spiritual. Happily there is no competition in their respective claims on us, nor any difficulty in rendering to both the submission which they have a right to claim. Our country commands and enforces by outward coercion the services which tend to the preservation and defense of that personal security, and of that property, for the sake of which political societies were formed and men agreed to live under the protection of and in obedience to, civil government. The Vicar of Christ, as a visible head of his church, watches over the integrity and soundness of doctrine, and makes use of means and weapons that act only on the souls of men to enforce the duties of religion, the purity of worship and ecclesiastical discipline."

EXCUSES OF POLICE.

Police officers on trial at headquarters are apt at excuses, says the New York Sun. Former Inspector Williams used to tell of an officer who was charged with having lost his whistle. When asked to explain he said: "You see, I went home last night and put my whistle on the table. I turned round and bless me, one of my kids was choking and nearly black in the face. You see, Commissioner, he'd swallowed the whistle." "Is he dead?" asked the sympathetic Commissioner. "No, sir," was the reply. "He isn't dead, but he's got the whooping cough, and now every time he coughs the whistle blows and the cop on the post comes a-running."

MAKE GAS MANTLES LAST.

Before removing a new mantle from its box, pass a thread through the loop at the top, and carefully remove from the box by holding it by the thread. Immerse the mantle in a basin of vinegar, let it remain for a minute or two, then hang to dry. Place it on the fork and burn off in the ordinary way. You will not only find this last much longer, but give a far better light; also they can be lighter without a protecting glass.

JUSTIFIED COMPLAINT.

An Irishman, after a prolonged struggle with a balky horse on a steep hill, during which he had in exasperation given vent to language unfit for publication, on reaching the top addressed the refractory animal reproachfully: "Tis the likes of you that keeps me out of the Holy Name Society!"

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HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing
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News Notes.

Division 2 will be the first to meet in the new year.

Division 3 is sure of a banner next year with John Maloney as President.

The County Board will soon take up the observance of St. Patrick's day.

Division 1 of Concord is making special effort to secure 175 new members.

With many boys enrolled a juvenile division has been organized in Washington.

Popular Bart Kavanaugh has been again re-elected President of Big 6 of Indianapolis.

The County Board will certainly miss Daniel McCarthy as a delegate from Division 1.

President Peter Cassidy and Division 3 of Cincinnati plan to make 1914 the big year.

The past has been a good year for the order in Jefferson county, our only losses having been caused by death.

Installation of officers comes next, and the meetings should be well attended. This will encourage them to greater efforts.

Division 1 of Manchester added six to its roll as the last act of the year, and means to keep in the front rank in New Hampshire.

Prof. M. J. Rohan and James L. O'Connor have been elected delegates to represent Wisconsin at the national convention next August.

Now that the holiday season is near its end, officers of divisions should arrange for the initiation of candidates awaiting the degrees.

State Secretary McBrean has been unable to obtain much information for the national history from former county leaders in Kenton county.

Sioux City Hibernians have received a letter from the Irish Nationalist leader, John Redmond, thanking them for their generous assistance.

The Hibernians of Concord, N. H., with the largest permanent fund of any society in the city, are now seeking realty as an investment for a new home.

Ending the year by the addition of eight new members, Division 2 of Manchester claims the best financial standing of any division in New Hampshire.

Ladies' Auxiliary 1 of Syracuse is the leading division in Central New York. Mrs. Anna Lynch, who is known to many in Louisville, has been again re-elected President.

Division 1 of Concord, N. H., will tender a reception to Rev. Father Timon, V. G., next Monday night, to which all the divisions of the surrounding cities have been invited.

Divisions 1 and 2 and the Ladies' Auxiliary of Binghamton, N. Y., held an enjoyable union meeting last week to greet Rev. Father James B. Greene, recently appointed County Chaplain.

How gratifying it would be if every member should secure one new member before the end of June. That would place Kentucky in a proud position before the next national convention.

Division 1 of Batavia, N. Y., initiated a large class last week. There will be a social gathering for members and their families when the division installs officers and celebrates its twentieth anniversary.

The coming year will be one of unusual activity in Philadelphia. To begin with there will be the annual ball of the united divisions on February 9, and then the celebration of the founding of the order in Ireland and the seventy-seventh anniversary of its transplantation to the continent, planned for March 15.

GONE TO REST.

The legion of friends and relatives of Edmund T. Larkin, for many years a valiant and faithful member of the Louisville fire department, were shocked and grieved when they learned of his unexpected and sudden death from heart failure. He was stricken Friday evening while sitting in a chair at his home, 1605 West Jefferson street. Larkin became a member of the fire department in 1897, and for his good work he was promoted to engineer of the No. 13 Engine Company. The deceased was held in high esteem by his superiors and fellow firemen, who recognize the loss the department has sustained. Surviving him are his wife, who was Miss Mary Korwin; two sons, Edmund A. and George G. Larkin; and one daughter, Mrs. Leona Clements. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church, members of the department acting as pallbearers, the edifice being thronged with mourning friends.

YEAR'S END SOCIAL.

Next Monday and Tuesday the Men's Club of St. Patrick's parish will hold their year's end social festivities in the school hall, Thirtieth and Market. There will be no charge for admission, and therefore large gatherings may be looked for each afternoon and night, when there will be euchre and lotto and various amusements. On both days there will be a sumptuous dinner served by members of the club. A handsome prize will be given away both afternoons and evenings, but the holder of the lucky complimentary ticket must be in the hall when the number is called.

ROYAL NEW YEAR'S.

The Christmas tree celebration of the Columbia Athletic Club will take place New Year's eve, when there will be plenty of good things to eat and lots of entertainment and amusement for everybody. Arrangements have been carefully estimated and a number of efficient committees appointed to see that all present are well cared for. The usual holiday festivities which have made this event one of the most interesting of the year, will take place in the fine club house on East St. Catherine street, and in addition other features

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prepared by the committees make certain that this celebration will surpass all others. Members may invite their friends, for whom there is a royal time in store.

CHAIR FOR MARTIN.

Attorney A. F. Martin, of the law department of the L. and N. railroad, was given quite a surprise last Monday evening when a little clan of his bowling friends presented him with a handsome Morris chair for a holiday present, following a turkey lunch at the residence of Herman Deddens on West Broadway. To say that Mr. Martin was surprised would be putting it mildly, as he was entirely at a loss for words, and this is indeed a rare occurrence for a member of his profession, he not being able to respond for at least ten minutes. Those present were S. P. Owen, Charles C. Herman, Phil Hildebrand, Newton Seibert, Gus Cappel, D. J. Hennessy, John F. Oetken, Edward Bossmeyer, Fred Stengel, John J. Barry, Thomas M. Barry, John Lubbers, A. F. Martin, Joe Meschede, Albert D. Gregg, Herman and Henry Deddens. John F. Oetken presided as toastmaster with a style which would have made Chauncey Depew turn green with envy.

GAYETY THEATER.

"A Man's Game," with Estha Williams, supported by Edwin Walter and an excellent cast, will be the attraction at the Gayety Theater next week. The story of "A Man's Game" is laid in Colorado, and there are many strong compelling situations in the play, which will be given a splendid production and setting. This will prove one of the season's best offerings, as the drama is intensely interesting throughout.

BIG HOLIDAY BILL.

For New Year's week the new National Theater offers another bill of great merit. The headliner will be the famous Marine Band of seventeen artists, who will present a new and original spectacular musical novelty. Another number of stellar proportions will be Jane Heston and company, in the sprightly comedy singing sketch, "When Dreams Come True." Supplementing the foregoing will be the Dancing Four, who are some "step-pers;" Arthur Whitelaw, the singing comedian, and Helen Carlos and the Fielding brothers, noted skatological artists. The bill will conclude with Breng's Models, a study in porcelain and bronze and very interesting. The National has "caught on" and is now the favorite with Louisville patrons of vaudeville.

IRELAND.

Record of the Most Important of
the Recent Events Culled
From Exchanges.

Dr. D. J. Walshe has been unanimously elected Chairman of the County Kilkenny Insurance Committee.

Dr. Michael J. Fogarty has been unanimously appointed medical officer of the Lettermore district by the Oughterard Guardians.

The Newry Urban Council have decided to increase the wages of all the men in the Surveyor's department by two shillings per week.

The Kilkenny Corporation has unanimously increased the salary of their Borough Treasurer, P. J. Morrissey, and the wages of their workmen.

Much regret is felt in Ballymoney and district at the death of Mrs. Hannah O'Kane, widow of the late James O'Kane, auctioneer and merchant.

A public meeting in Clonmel decided upon the erection of a statue of St. Patrick beside the well and shrine of the national apostle near the town.

Thomas Scullion, the Postmaster of Crosskeys, near Toomebridge, was taken suddenly ill near his house, and quickly expired before medical aid could be brought.

The position of engineer to the Ennis District Council, vacant by the resignation of J. F. O'Connor, has been filled by the temporary appointment of Martin Tierney.

Mrs. Rachel Scilly, of Magherafelt, has recently celebrated her 101st birthday. She belongs to a long-lived family, and is yet in good health despite her great age.

A strong corps of the Irish Volunteers has been organized at Carrick-on-Shannon. The new organization has the support of every Irishman worth his salt in the district.

A number of workmen who were sinking for foundations for a house in a field close to Armagh came on what they believe is a rich find of gold, which extends for a considerable distance.

Mrs. Mary Hackett, of the Cappoquin, became so excited with joy at the return of her son, James Hackett, with his wife from America that having embraced him she suddenly collapsed and expired.

Mrs. Mary Meenan, of Kilmahay, about three miles from Beragh, was found lying dead in a field beside the house from which she and her husband, an old age pensioner, had been evicted the previous day.

The death has occurred in Dublin of the Rev. Brother Vincent Murray, late Superior of the Christian schools, Wexford. Much regret is felt at the news in the various centers in Ireland where the deceased brother taught.

The death has taken place at Figlsh, near Carrick-on-Suir, of Mrs. Hayes, mother of the Rev. Martin Hayes, a well known member of the Redemptorist order, and of Rev. Peter Hayes, Perth, Australia. Father Martin Hayes is at present rector of St. Benet's, Sunderland.

A shocking accident occurred at Newcastle, near Swinford. The gate of the house of a small farmer, named Ruane, fell in and killed two of his sons and seriously injured a third. The injured boy is not expected to recover. The boys were sleeping in a room beneath the gable when it fell.

A public welcome home was recently accorded in Portlarnion to the Ballinacott cattle drivers, who had that day been bound to the peace. The town was illuminated, and the escort was a remarkable indication of popular feeling. At Bracknagh, where some of the released men reside, a like demonstration took place.

NARROW ESCAPE.

Little Margaret Cain, the seven-year-old daughter of John Cain, 711 Florence Place, had a narrow escape from death by being run over by an automobile belonging to the Louisville Gas and Electric Company. About 5 o'clock the child had parted with some little friends with whom she had been playing and was crossing the street when the accident happened. The chauffeur was unable to stop the machine before it struck her, though he made every effort.

It was he who picked up the child and carried her to her home. When she was removed to Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital it was found that her injuries were most serious, but at last accounts she was resting easy with every hope for her recovery.

FOR KENTUCKY DAY.

A feature of the supreme convention of the Knights of St. John, to be held in Cincinnati in June, 1914, will be "Kentucky day." At a meeting of the Advisory Board of the General Committee with the Regimental Board of the First Kentucky Regiment, held at the Armory Hall in Covington, the officers voted unanimously to take one day of the convention, and preparations have started to make the affair a grand success. Gen. Hohnhorst, Supreme Treasurer, was present and gave a brief address, assuring the Advisory Board that Kentucky will entertain the delegates as never before.

WANT THE NUNS.

The battle which has long been raging at the Hotel de Ville in Paris, and interrupted by the recent Ministerial crisis, was renewed last week, when a petition of 170,000 signatures was presented, asking for the reinstatement of nuns in the hospitals. M. d'Audigne, a Municipal Councillor, heads the petition. It is argued that the nuns have only one object in life—the care of the sick—and are therefore superior to the laity. The incidents at Angnon two years ago are recalled, where in a typhoid epidemic the sisters, who had been driven out, responded to an appeal for help.

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